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BLANC et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1652 (Prior Appln.)  
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Application No.: 10/716,803 ) Examiner: N. Nashed (Prior Appln.)  
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Filed: November 20, 2003 )  
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For: POLYPEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE BIOSYNTHESIS OF  
STREPTOGRAMINS, NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES CODING  
FOR THESE POLYPEPTIDES AND THEIR USE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of this application.

Copies of the listed documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/635,359, filed August 9, 2000 (now U.S. No. 6,670,157); Application No. 09/231,818, filed January 15, 1999 (now U.S. No. 6,171,846); and Application No. 08/403,852, filed May 10, 1995 (now U.S. No. 5,891,695).

A copy of recently issued U.S. 6,670,157 B1 is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

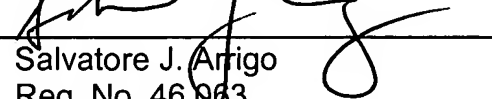
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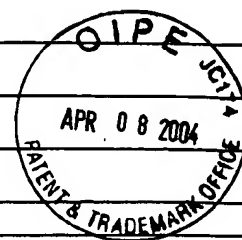
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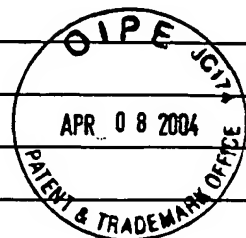
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